

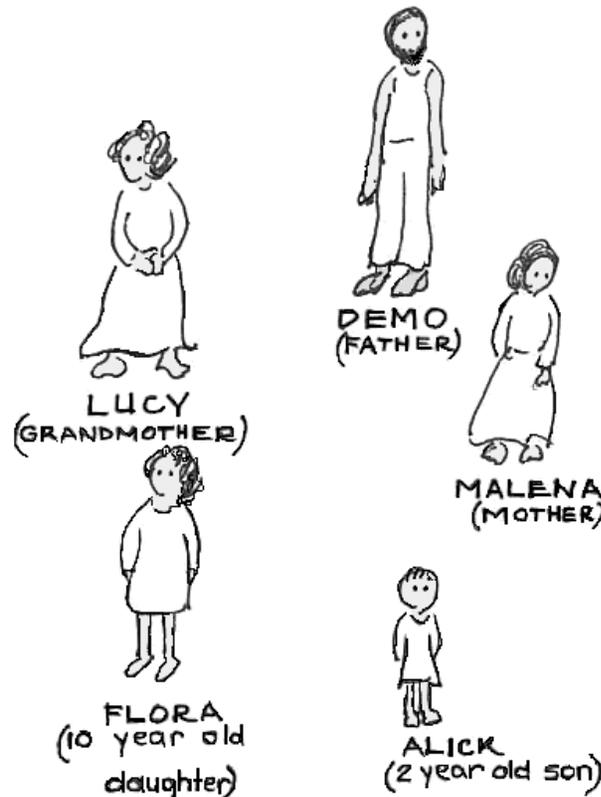
## A DAY IN THE LIFE...

For those who lived in slavery, a day's work usually began at dawn. Each slave on the plantation, at a certain age, was assigned a daily task. Children began at an early age to be responsible for some of the work. The older residents of the slave quarters assumed their share of the work load, too. Heavier tasks were given to the strongest or healthiest.

Even after the daily task was done, activity did not end. Those in the slave quarters often continued to work hard, but these "after-task" activities could benefit their own families. The slaves also might have time on Saturday night or Sunday for activities of their own choosing.

Each member of the family shown below (except the youngest) has a task to do. Look at the two lists. One list describes various work tasks; the other describes activities they might do after the tasks were completed. Study each job or activity and decide which member of the family would do it best, based on age and skills. Then match each task and after-task activity to the appropriate person by drawing a line from the task or activity to the person. Some of these activities might be done by more than one person, but try for the best match.

After-task Activities
Sewing and mending
Whittling wood
Gathering hickory nuts and muscadine grapes
Telling stories of childhood in Africa
Playing games



Assigned Tasks
Blacksmith
Tending Alick while Malena works
Picking cotton
Hauling water to planter's house